

• Abroad •

Moscow, USSR. The recent demotions of Presidium members Belyayev and Kirichenko, and their exiling to secondary posts in the provinces, has been publicly presented as a result of their purely administrative bungles. Local gossip pictures these shifts as surface signs of the beginning of "the struggle for the succession." It was carefully noted by aficionados of Bolshevik in-fighting that Presidium-member Brezhnev gave the axe to Belyayev; and Aristov, to Kirichenko.

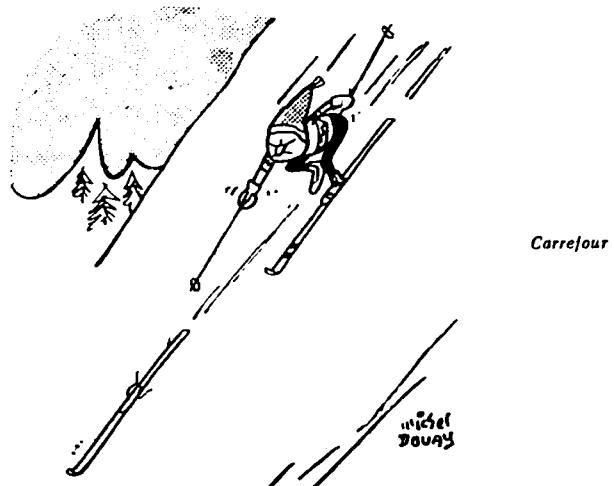
London, England. For the past several months, Britain has been swept by a passion for walking. Led by the 53-year-old Dr. Barbara Moore, hundreds of obsessed pedestrians have set fantastic records for 100-mile-plus tramps, usually ending at Hyde Park Corner. Demonstrations by walks, parades and marches have been revived as the favorite form of political protest. Crowds march, mill around, and sometimes lie down Gandhi-style, to publicize slogans on nuclear arms, cruelty to animals, capital punishment, South African apartheid, Negro immigration and government aid to artists. Among the vigorous marches of the past fortnight: Jewish war veterans against swastika painting (the "most efficient yet," according to the *Manchester Guardian*), and a rousing parade of farmers and students to the Potato Marketing Board in Knightsbridge, with banners picturing the Board as a huge octopus and proclaiming, "Fair Trial for Spud Growers!"

Milan, Italy. The right-wing weekly, *Borghese*, believes that President Gronchi is making his visit to Moscow as, in effect, representative of Italian Big Business, both private and governmental, in its wish for: a) raw material supplies, to permit more effective competition with French and German producers; b) a wider "opening to the Left" that would link the Demo-Christians with the left (Nenni) socialists on a neutralist course in foreign policy.

United Nations. Behind UN doors there is animated discussion of the role that Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld has increasingly assumed since his election for a second term on Sept. 26, 1957. By the Charter and the original understanding of all UN members, the Secretary-General was to perform a purely administrative task as agent of the Security Council and General Assembly. Since re-election, Hammarskjöld—perhaps getting a tip from the American Presidency—has taken on a substantial and partly autonomous political function. He has intervened politically in Lebanon, Buraimi, Cambodia, Laos and the Suez without any specific authorization from either Council or Assembly. He has, moreover, openly claimed for his office an independent power: "to help fill any vacuum that may appear in the systems which the Charter and traditional diplomacy provide"; to act on the basis of "United Nations opinion" and "express what may be called the independent judgment of the [UN] organization"; and thus "to create a new executive responsibility . . . in line with

the philosophy of the Charter." Many diplomats expressed alarm at the implications of this Hammarskjöld Doctrine.

Douala, Kamerun. The world's newest nation, using the old German spelling of its name to mark its metamorphosis from mandated status as French Cameroons, may never get off the ground long enough to take its seat in the UN. The fanatic Felix Moumié, operating from Guinea under sanctuary granted by Sékou Touré, with arms supplied by Prague and Moscow, has launched so ferocious a terror campaign that most of Kamerun's people—a quarter of them (750,000) Christian—are begging France to resume control.



Ottawa, Canada. Work on the first of a number of large mural paintings of "culture through the ages" for the new O'Keefe Arts Centre may soon halt. The AFL-CIO Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, claiming closed shop jurisdiction over costume designing, hanging draperies and "mural scenery," along with its more familiar fiefs, insists that the artist, York Wilson, and his two assistants must join up and pay up or get out. Mr. Wilson, on the argument that he is a free man engaged on a free, individual and creative form of expression, refuses. Harry Colnett, the Brotherhood's Canadian Vice President, keeping to his guns and declaring that there are "certain rules and regulations that muralists must follow," pronounced words full of meaning for those who know their unions: "Perhaps it is a matter of further education to explain our point."

Bonn, Germany. The American press has failed to publish the Federal Government's confirmed findings on the Communist share in the anti-Semitic incidents. In a typical affair at a town near Hanover, two of the three arrested youths were proved to be members of East (Communist) German organizations, one of them a delegate to a summer Communist Youth Festival. The Government has shown that Communists have been active in the "instigation" and "perpetration" of the incidents, and in subsequent propaganda concerning them. Communist activity, according to a spokesman's summary of the evidence, "has been much more significant than that of the right-wing organizations."

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